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TAGS: PFOR, CY, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH PROTEST ON DEMONSTRATIONS IN CYPRUS
AND GREECE

1. FCO PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY BRIMELOW DELIVERED ORAL PROTESTS TO GREEK AMBASSADOR ROUSSOS AND CYPRUS HICOMER ASHIOTIS HERE AFTERNOON JANUARY 20. ACCORDING TO FCO, MEETINGS RAN ALONG STANDARD LINES, WITH BRIMELOW CITING RESPONSIBILITIES HOST GOVERNMENT HAS UNDER ARTICLE 22 OF VIENNA CONVENTION. DESPITE FINDING FEELINGS OF POPULACE IN CYPRUS AND GREECE "UNDERSTANDABLE," ROUSSOS AND ASHIOTIS PROMISED TO CONVEY BRITISH PROTEST TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. ROUSSOS NOTED THAT BITSIOS HAD ALREADY APOLOGIZED TO BRITISH IN ATHENS. ASHIOTIS WENT FURTHER IN CONVEYING HIS GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT BRITISH LIVES AND PROPERTY ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

2. BOTH REPRESENTATIVES ARE SEEING BRIMELOW AGAIN LATER IN THE WEEK TO DISCUSS POLITICAL QUESTIONS. GREEK
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AMBASSADOR HAS INDICATED HE WISHES TO RAISE QUESTION OF

THE AEGEAN.

3. BRITISH WILL IN NEXT DAY OR SO SUBMIT NOTES IN
ATHENS AND NICOSIA RESERVING RIGHT TO CLAIM COMPENSATION
FOR DAMAGES (BUT NOT NAMING SUMS).

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